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In re Application of:

CRATHER et al.

CASE NO: CL1610 US NA

SERIAL NO: 10/643,254

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FILED: AUGUST 18, 2003

EXAMINER: D. BODAWALA

FOR: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING HYDROGEL  
PARTICLES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JANUARY 25, 2007,  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This "Amendment and Response" is submitted in connection with the Applicants' "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.